



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Michael A. Apicella et al. Art Unit : 1652
Serial No. : 09/574,460 Examiner : Yong D. Pak
Filed : May 18, 2000
Title : PRODUCTION OF COMPLEX CARBOHYDRATES

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO FINAL ACTION OF OCTOBER 6, 2003

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a three-month extension of the period for responding to the Office Action, thereby moving the deadline for response from January 6, 2004 to April 6, 2004

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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claims are not obvious over the combination of McLaughlin *et al.*, Alexander *et al.* and Świerzko *et al.*

Withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney (612-337-2540) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1,720.00 to cover the RCE fee (\$770) and the Petition for Extension of Time fee (\$950). Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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